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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC., a California
corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

COCOON FURNISHINGS, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C-07-4017 JSW

**DECLARATION OF VERONICA BESMER
REGARDING JOINT FILING
CONSENTING TO THE JURISDICTION
OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

1. I, Veronica Besmer, declare as follows:

2. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California, am a member of the bar of this Court, and am an associate at the law firm of Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP. The following facts are within my personal knowledge, except for those matters stated upon information and belief, and if called upon to testify, I would and could competently testify hereto.

3. During the initial case management conference on May 16, 2008, the Court ordered the parties to file a joint statement by May 23, 2008 regarding their clients' consent to a magistrate judge.

4. Williams-Sonoma, Inc. ("WSI") expressed some willingness to consent to a magistrate judge if defendants agree.

5. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the letter dated May 22, 2008 from me to counsel of record for defendants, Mr. John Mitchell, informing him that WSI would agree to a magistrate judge and asking him to meet and confer with me about it. I have not received any response.

6. On May 23, 2008, I left a voice mail message for Mr. Mitchell, asking him to call me back regarding the joint filing. I have not received any response.

7. WSI therefore submits this declaration because it has no other way to comply with the Court's order.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on May 23, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Veronica Besmer
Veronica Besmer